

(Translation)

**Hon LAM So-wai's motion on
"Improving policies and measures relating to family support"**

Wording of the Motion

That the National 14th Five-Year Plan has mentioned strengthening family building, including establishing a legal and policy system to support family development to promote the process of family education legislation, strengthen the implementation of the Anti-Domestic Violence Law, improve marriage and family counselling services, and prevent and resolve marriage and family conflicts and disputes; there has been an upward trend in the divorce rate in Hong Kong in recent years, and the social issues arising from divorced families are in dire need of concern from the community; this Council urges the Government to strengthen the support services and other ancillary services for divorced and single-parent families, including setting up a dedicated department to assist in recovery of maintenance payments; enhancing marriage and family counselling services; alleviating the poverty problem of working and single-parent families; promoting co-parenting education; strengthening the formulation of a 'carer-centric' policy, and encouraging enterprises to implement family-friendly employment practices.